

public service extends into his community, where he serves as a deacon in his church, uses his vacation to chaperone youth trips, and donates his time to coaching soccer. His devotion to faith and family is recognizable to all who have had the privilege to know Jerry and work beside him. He attributes much of his success to his wife, Karen, his children, and his eight grandchildren, who have always been fully supportive of his career. Jerry once claimed: "I don't come to work to work. I love what I do."

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I congratulate Jerry on his retirement and thank him for his dedication and outstanding contributions to the institution. I wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

HONORING CATHY KIMBROUGH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mrs. Cathy Kimbrough.

Mrs. Kimbrough has served adults and children in numerous capacities. Some of the service areas include: reading instructor, while in Germany; General College reading instructor at Alcorn State University; and self-contained and inclusion teacher in the Attala County School District.

Mrs. Kimbrough has served her community as local president of the Attala County Association of Educators and has also served on the Board of Directors for the Boys' and Girls' Club in Kosciusko/Attala County.

Mrs. Kimbrough is a member of the following organizations: Order of the Eastern Star, National Council of Negro Women, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She is also a member of Pleasant Hill M.B. Church, pastured by Rev. Osie C. Grays.

Mrs. Kimbrough earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Jackson State University. She was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Alpha Beta Alpha Library Science Fraternity.

Mrs. Kimbrough is married to Mr. Henry Kimbrough and has four children: Jerry Jr. (Erica), Essence Crystal (Theodore), Sonja Merrie', and Joyanne' Faith; six grandchildren—Deontrez Jerrick, Jersia, Kamiah, Kayla and Shytianna. She enjoys creating song lyrics, writing poetry, reading and fishing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Cathy Kimbrough for her dedication to serving others in Attala County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote numbers 214, 215, and 216. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote number 214 and "yes" on rollcall vote numbers 215 and 216.

RECOGNIZING THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOSEPH CALABRESE, MD

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding accomplishments of Doctor Joseph Calabrese, professor of psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University and director of the Mood Disorders Program at University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland. Doctor Calabrese recently gained international acclaim when he was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the European Bipolar Forum at its annual meeting in Seville, Spain.

The accolades are well deserved—and I speak from personal experience—because Doctor Calabrese has taken the lead role in a major initiative that I helped launch under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Defense to study the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder on soldiers returning from combat zones. I have watched as Doctor Calabrese, working in concert with doctors at the University of Toledo, has conducted truly groundbreaking research involving combat veterans who suffer from PTSD.

As a member of the Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations, I have long been concerned about the incidence of suicide among our combat veterans. In communities and families throughout our country, we have seen the devastating impact of PTSD. The ambitious research project by Doctor Calabrese that I have been privileged to support has studied the relationship between PTSD and suicidal ideation among members of the Ohio Army National Guard.

After completing a research fellowship at the National Institute of Mental Health, Doctor Calabrese returned to Cleveland to start the Mood Disorders Program. He also co-directs, along with Doctor Robert Finding, M.D., the NIMH-funded Bipolar Research Center in Cleveland. Doctor Calabrese has been the recipient of no fewer than five federal research grants from the NIMH. The Mood Disorders program at University Hospitals Case Medical Center was designated as a Center of Excellence under Dr. Calabrese's exceptional leadership.

Dr. Calabrese has dedicated his work to the improvement of clinical outcomes in underserved populations of bipolar disorder, including people who receive care at community health centers, children, adults, older adults, those in prison and those currently abusing alcohol or drugs. His research reflects a caring nature and true gift of service.

During the course of his career, Doctor Calabrese has published more than 300 peer-reviewed papers. He is a member of a number of scientific advisory boards and is affiliated with the American Psychiatric Association.

I am proud to support his clinical efforts and his exemplary service to the Cleveland community, our nation, and veterans everywhere. I am pleased to commend Doctor Joseph Calabrese on the occasion of his receipt of the European Bipolar Forum's Lifetime Achievement Award and thank him for his noble work.

RECOGNIZING THE SYRACUSE VA MEDICAL CENTER'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 1953-2013

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the Syracuse VA Medical Center's Diamond Jubilee.

The Syracuse VA Medical Center, Located at 800 Irving Avenue, first opened its doors on June 14th, 1953. For the past 60 years, the medical center has dedicated itself to providing superior care to veterans and their families. Part of VA Healthcare Upstate New York, the Syracuse VA Medical Center provides outpatient support to the greater Central New York area by operating community clinics in Auburn, Binghamton, Cortland, Massena, Oswego, Rome, and Watertown. The staff should be commended for their dedication and commitment to those who have served this nation.

The Syracuse VA Medical Center has been recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Center of Excellence for its Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Polytrauma Programs. Additionally, the center is also the primary referral center for neurosurgery and urological renal stone treatment, which encompasses all of upstate New York and Northern Pennsylvania veterans.

On June 14, 2013, the Syracuse VA Medical Center will formally open their Spine Cord Injury & Disorder Center. This state-of-the-art center provides expanded services that our veterans deserve. The facility will serve veterans across Upstate New York who now travel to New York City or out of state to get spinal cord care. Our veterans deserve the best care this nation has to offer, and with the six-floor addition, the Syracuse VA Medical Center will continue to do just that.

To mark this special occasion, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki will be present to deliver the keynote speech for the occasion. It is truly an honor to have Secretary Shinseki present to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the Syracuse VA Medical Center's Diamond Jubilee event, and wish the center many more years of continued growth and success in its service of the veteran community of Central New York.

HONORING DAN SPENCER FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE "MUMMERS HALL OF FAME"

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dan Spencer for his immense contributions to the string band community in South Jersey. For the past forty-one years, Mr. Spencer has diligently served as an active leader and has promoted success in numerous string band and mummery associations across New Jersey.